

REMARKS:

The Applicants hereby elect claims 5, 6, 14, 15, 23, and 24 (which are directed to a single species, i.e. species 1b), which are further directed to a system, method, and software for generating a request for quote (RFQ), with traverse, in accordance with the applicable Rules of Practice and to advance the prosecution of the subject Application. As mentioned above, based on the Examiners grouping of the patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, Species 1b should comprise claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 14, 15, 19, 23, 24, and 28-31 .

The Applicants respectfully submit that upon the allowance of a generic claim (i.e. one or more of independent claims 1, 10, 19, and 28-31) the Applicants are entitled to consideration of claims to additional species (i.e. species 1a, 1c, and 1d or any additional species added after this election of species) which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

In addition, the Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement is improper. Accordingly, in traverse, the Applicants request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement for at least the reasons set forth above. Because the Applicants have made a proper election of an alleged Species and set forth the claims directed to that Species, as set forth by the Examiner, this response is complete. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, Steven J. Laureanti, at (817) 447-9955 with any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to the subject Application.

CONCLUSION:


In view of the foregoing election with traverse and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Although the Applicants believe no fees are deemed to be necessary; the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 500777**.

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Respectfully submitted,

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